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SUBJECT: ENERGY TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WITH VENEZUELA-
ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY

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1. THE DEPARTMENT AND DOE ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE
EMBASSY SUGGESTED NEW DATES FOR THE VISIT OF A U.S.
EXPERT TEAM ON ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY TO VENEZUELA AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. THE GOV CONTINUES TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN
INITIATING COOPERATION WITH THE USG ON HEAVY OIL
RECOVERY AND PROCESSING R AND D.DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S
VISIT TO VENEZUELA MARCH 28-29, PRESIDENT PEREZ AND MINISTER
OF ENERGY HERNANDEZ ASKED HIM ABOUT U.S. COOPERATION
WITH VENEZUELA ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEAVY OIL TECHNOLOGY
APPROPRIATE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORINOCO HEAVY
OIL BELT. IN REPLY PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSED HIS HOPE
THAT AN EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD
COULD BE CARRIED OUT. THIS SUBJECT WAS ALSO REFERRED TO
IN THE JOIN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE VISIT
IN WHICH THE TWO PRESIDENTS STATED THEY "...CONSIDERED
USEFUL THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE BEGINNING
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OF MARCH BETWEEN THE VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF MINES AND
ENERGY AND THE U.S. SECRETARY OF ENERGY POINTING OUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
HEAVY CURDES." AND "...REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE
CONSULTATIONS BOTH AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL AND AT THE
POLITICAL LEVEL ON ENERGY MATTERS..." MINISTER HERNANDEZ
HAS SINCE REMINDED US OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. AT THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, THE EMBASSY OBTAINED GOV APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL VISIT TO U.S. EXPERTS TO DISCUSS ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY AND TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED THIS VISIT FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 (REFS A AND B). THIS VISIT WAS THEN POSTPONED BY DOE (REF C) WITH THE PROMISE THAT NEW DATES WOULD BE SUGGESTED. IN VIEW OF THE REPEATED GOV EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE USG IN HEAVY OIL R AND D AND THE REPEATED EFFORTS BY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE MAJOR COOPERATIVE PROJECTS RELATED TO THE RINOCO HEAVY OIL DEPOSITS, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE VISIT OF U.S. EXPERTS TAKE PLACE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN EARLY JUNE, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO BRING TOGETHER APPROPRIATE GOV OFFICIALS.

3. THE GOV, FOR ITS PART, EXPECTS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO SELECT MEMBERS OF ITS EXPERT TEAM ON ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, AND WILL PROPOSE A DATE FOR THEIR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME.

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